

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the above Office Action, improper use claims 1-9, 22, and 23 as well as rejected claim 26 have been cancelled.

Claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-21, 24, and 25 have been amended to avoid improper multiple dependency and to place them in more traditional U.S. format.

New claims 27-29 round out the scope of protection to which applicant is entitled. Support for claim 27 can be found in claim 15. Support for claim 28 can be found in claim 10 and on page 18, lines 8-10. Support for claim 29 can be found in claim 23 and page 18, lines 11-22.

Since the Examiner indicated claims 10, 11, and 24 are allowable and all remaining claims 12-21, 24, 25, and 27-29 are either dependent from one of these claims or contain all of the subject matter thereof (claim 28), it is believed claims 10-21, 24, 25, and 27-29 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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